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TO AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS IMMEDIATE
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AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

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NODIS
CHEROKEE FOR ATHERTON USDEL NO. 28 AND FOR AMBASSADOR

FOLLOWING REPEAT TEHRAN 1020 SENT ACTION SECSTATE 29 JAN 78

QUOTE S E C R E T TEHRAN 1020

NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SULLIVAN
E.O. 1162:GDS
TAGS: XF IR IS
SUBJ: PROPOSED VISIT TO TEHRAN BY BEGIN

1. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATIONS ON OTHER SUBJECTS WITH SHAH
MORNING JANUARY 29, HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD FINALLY RECEIVED
ISRAELI REACTION TO HIS DEMARCHE MADE JUST BEFORE JERUSALEM TALKS
BROKE UP. REACTION CAME IN FORM OF PROPOSAL THAT BEGIN SHOULD
COME TO TEHRAN TO EXPLAIN ISRAELI POSITION.

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WM SHAH SAID HE HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO IDEA THAT BEGIN SHOULD
COME HERE, BUT HAS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PRECISE AGREEMENT WITH
ISRAELIS ON MANNER IN WHICH VISIT SHOULD BE HANDLED. HE SAID
TOAT, IF BEGIN MERELY WISHES TO PUT FORTH ARGUMENTS INFAVOR OF
HIS PEACE PLAN, VISIT WILL HAVE TO BE CLANDESTINE AND DENIABLE.
IF, ON OTHER HAND, BEGIN IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT PREMISES
OF SHAH'S DEMARCHE, SHAH WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE VISIT

MADE PUBLIC AND LET BEGIN ANNOUNCE HIS FLEXIBILITY FROM TEHRAN.

3. ALTHOUGH I DID NOT PRESS SHAH ON EXACT TERMS OF HIS DEMARCHE, IT IS CLEAR FROM EARLIER CONVERSATIONS I HAVE HAD WITH HNM THAT HE HAS ASKED BEGIN TO SACRIFICE THE "ILLEGAL" SETTLEMENTS BOTH IN SINAI AND ON WEST BANK IN ORDER TO REALIZE THE LARGER DIMENSIONS OF SADAT'S PROPOSALS, WHICH THE SHAH REGARDS AS MOST GENEROUS. HE OBVIOUSLY HAS NO RPT NO ILLUSIONS THAT BEGIN WILL ACCEPT THESE PREMISES OUT OF HAND.

4. SHAH SAID HIS ASSUMPTION WAS THAT BEGIN WOULD PROBABLY COME HERE SHORTLY AFTER SHAH RETURNS FROM HIS VISITS TO INDIA AND PAKISTAN (EVENING FEBRUARY 5). HE NOTED THAT SADAT WOULD BE ENGAGED IN WASHINGTON TALKS FEBRUARY 4 AND 5. HE SAID HE HOPED HE WOULD HAVE RESULTS OF THOSE TALKS IN HAND BEFORE HE MEETS WITH BEGIN. AGAIN HE CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS PREPARED TO BE HELPFUL WITH BEGIN IN ANY WAY WE CONSIDERED CONSTRUCTIVE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE ME WITH IMMEDIATE READ-OUT FROM SADAT TALKS FOR USE WITH SHAH. I HAVE AUDIENCE WITH HIM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, IN ORDER BRING LES GALB FOR SALT BRIEFING AND COULD MOST EFFECTIVELY USE THE SADAT INFORMATION AT THAT TIME, TOGETHER WITH ANY PARTICULAR POINTS YOU WISH HIM TO MAKE TO BEGIN.

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YM REQUEST DEPARTMENT PASS THIS MESSAGE TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO AND AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV.
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